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THE

Fifty-seventh Annual Session

OF THE

CHICKASAW

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Fredonia Baptist Church

September 15, 16, and 17

1896

Moderator, Rev. I. SMITH, Wallerville, Miss.

Treasurer, A. D. TUCKER, Cherry Creek, Miss

Clerk, V. B. TUCKER, Ecu, Miss.

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FIRST DAY.—Morning Session.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Chickasaw Association, met with the Fredonia Baptist Church, Sept. 15th, 1896.

The appointee to preach the introductory sermon, not being present at the appointed hour, the sermon was preached by Eld. I. M. Gray, the alternate. Scripture lesson, 51st Psalm. Prayer by Eld. C. W. Smith, Text, Romans, 1, 16. After sermon, prayer by Eld. I. Smith. After which the Association was adjourned for refreshments until 1½ o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body called together by song, and after the reading of the 103rd Psalm, by the Moderator, and prayer by Eld. John Thompson, the Moderator declared the body ready for permanent organization. Brethren Walter Parks and H. Marshall, were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the different churches were called for and read.

Brethren W. L. Souter and Fleetwood Ball were appointed as tellers of the election. The election resulted in the choice of Eld. I. Smith, Moderator; A. D. Tucker, Treasurer; and V. B. Tucker, Clerk. Then on motion of W. L. Souter, the election was made unanimous. On motion of A. B. Knox, the general order of business was taken up, giving the Moderator the right to call up any question that may be ready to be reported on. Also giving the Moderator the right to appoint the various committees, when he sees proper to do so.

The Moderator appointed as devotional committee: Brethren J. W. Boatwright, M. T. Snipes, A. D. Tucker, with the deacons of this church.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters, none received.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for petitionary letters.
2. Call for correspondents.
3. Call for standing committees.
4. State Missions.
5. Mississippi College and Education.
6. Foreign Missions.
7. Report of the Executive Committee.

8. Sunday Schools.
9. Prohibition.
10. Woman's Work.
11. State of Religion
12. Documents and Publications.
13. Report on Finance.
14. Report of Treasurer.
15. Determine the place of next session.
16. Elect Minister to preach introductory sermon.
17. Appoint correspondents.
18. Appoint Standing committees.
19. General business.

The Moderator called for correspondents and gave the hand of welcome to Brethren A. F. Golding, A. B. Simon and D. E. Mitchell, of the West Judson Association, and Bro. M. O. Selph, of the Tippah Association.

Elder J. R. Sumner read the following report on Missions for Elder W. P. Winter, to wit:

MISSIONS:—I begin by saying modern usage has unduly restricted mission work, and when we refer to missions it is generally in accordance with this narrowed conception, hence we have the mistified classifications of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions &c. The facts are we have nothing but mission work and when we organize a church to maintain the principles of the doctrines of Christ, or endow an institution to better prepare men and women for the service of God, or circulate a religious periodical to promulgate the truths of the Gospel or defray the expenses of some true servant of our Lord and Master, as he preaches to indifferent or destitute people of our broad land, and the personal efforts we make in our own individual circle to strengthen the weak, comfort the disconsolate or lead the lost and erring to the Cross of Christ is all mission work. In the early centuries of the christian era the spirit of the churches was missionary and the Gospel spread rapidly, then there came in error which retarded the truth. The christian seemed to fall into slothfulness, sleep and decay. But thank God a revival came in the spirit of missions. We honor William Cary as the God given leader in the great modern mission movement.

When we look back a century we see only a few struggling to spread the glad tidings of salvation, with but little sympathy at home, and bitter persecutions at the hands of those to whom they carried the Gospel; but now the missionary is honored at home with some degree of co-operation and comparatively safe on Foreign fields. One Hundred years ago we had but few translations of God's word, now we have the Bible in 1,000 languages, Three Hundred and Twenty languages, and dialects, indeed marvelous

changes have taken place and one hundred years ago, where we had the hostile cry of Foreign Invaders, we now have the Macedonian cry, (come over and help us.) In order to comprehend the enormous proportions of our present mission work it is necessary to look at our many organized forces or agencies, and by so doing I trust it may enlarge our conceptions of this great evangelizing and christianizing force. The facts and figures I now offer are from the very latest statistics, but they fall far short of the grand summary because of the non-reporting agencies, we have today Forty-four Thousand and Thirty-six Baptist churches, Thirty-one Thousand Baptist Ministers, and Four Million Three Hundred and Forty-eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-four Baptist people in the world. All this has been the direct or indirect result of mission work. There are in the United States seven Baptist Theological Seminaries. These schools combined have an annual attendance of Nine Hundred and Thirty-two men preparing for the Baptist Ministry, added to this we have Thirty-two Universities and colleges exclusively for men who are preparing for the Baptist Ministry. All this demonstrates to our mind the spirit of missions. But now let us come nearer home, and bring the subject of missions home to our own hearts by special appropriation. I believe every man when regenerated or born from above receives of the spirit of Christ, and I believe every one who receives of Christ's spirit are led by this spirit to communicate of the sweets of religion of Jesus to the world. One has said if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his. What kind of spirit did Jesus possess? I answer by saying a self-sacrificing spirit. Now have we this spirit? Let us examine ourselves and see.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee,

W. P. WINTER.

The Devotional Committee made the following report. That we spend half hour in devotional exercises every morning and that Bro. J. J. Gibson preach here at 7:30 o'clock to-night

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BOATWRIGHT.

On motion of Elder John Thompson the Association was adjourned till 8½ o'clock tomorrow morning. Dismissed by Eld. Fleetwood Ball.

SECOND DAY — Morning Session.

After song and prayer service the minutes of first day were read and approved. Elder C. W. Smith made a motion, to limit all speeches before this body to twenty minutes. Carried.

The report on Missions as read by Elder J. R. Sumner on yesterday evening was taken up and discussed by Brethren J. J. Gibson, J. R. Sumner, John Thompson, W. M. Gadd, J. W. Boatwright,

C. W. Smith, W. D. Wilkins, W. J. Ball, W. C. Gillen, M. C. Selph, A. B. Knox, Frank Souther, of the Aberdeen, and T. A. J. Beasley, of the West Judson Associations and J. I. Chambliss. Question was called for and the Moderator made some appropriate remarks on this report, and on motion of Elder C. W. Smith, the report was adopted.

On a suggestion of Elder John Thompson, a cash collection was taken for Foreign Missions. Amount collected \$16.00.

The Moderator again called for correspondents, and gave the hand of welcome to Brethren T. A. J. Beasley and T. A. Smith, of the West Judson, and Frank Souther, of the Aberdeen Associations and Fleetwood Ball of Paris, Tenn.

The subject of Mississippi College and Ministerial Education was taken up and Eld. J. R. Sumner, read the following report to-wit.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND EDUCATION.

Mississippi College is located in Hinds County, Miss. Nine miles West of the State capital on the A. & V. R. R. Forty-six years ago, this institution came into the possession of the Baptist of Miss., since that time it has had for its presidents. I. H. Urner, Walter Hillman, W. S. Webb, and R. A. Venerable. It now has no president, but J. W. Provine, is chairman of the faculty. Last session, eleven instructors employed. The names of 242 pupils were enrolled, 229 of these were from this State, eight from La., two from Ark., two from Texas, and one from Ala. Of the students there were two post graduates and thirty-nine ministerial students. Eighteen graduates from the College last session. The design of the school is to give a thorough christian education. To accomplish this the following have been provided. To develop the physical system, we have a Military School, a gymnasium and bath rooms for mental development. We have a preparatory department, a school of History, English, German, French, Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Oratory and Natural Sciences. For Moral training we have a school of Mental and Moral Sciences. For religious and Spiritual developments we have a course in Bible Study. Every pupil is required to take this course at least one full session before he can graduate, \$3,446.71 has recently been spent on improvements. It is desirable that these improvements shall continue until our College is second to none.

Have you boys to educate? Do you expect to send them from home for this purpose? If so investigate the character of Mississippi College and its claims upon you. It is a very fine place to send your boy, if he wants a good practical education and is willing to work to obtain it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SUMNER.
C. W. SMITH

On motion of Elder J. R. Sumner, V. B. Tucker was appointed as assistant Treasurer.

On motion of Elder John Thompson, the body was adjourned till 1½ o'clock. Dismissed by the moderator.

SECOND DAY.—Afternoon Session.

Body called together by song, led by Prof. T. A. Smith, after which we had four or five good old songs led by Prof. T. A. Smith. Songs found in book, title: "Hymns New and Old."

The moderator appointed as Finance Committee, Brethren J. W. Boatwright and B. J. Caldwell.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE:—Your committee has appointed Elder Fleetwood Ball to preach at 2 o'clock this p. m. in the Grove, and Elder T. A. J. Beasley to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

Submitted,

J. W. BOATWRIGHT.

The report as read in the forenoon by Elder J. R. Sumner was taken up and discussed by Brethren J. R. Sumner, John Thompson, I. M. Gray, Frank Souther, S. R. Knox, C. W. Smith and A. B. Knox and on motion of Bro. W. L. Souther, the report was adopted.

On motion of Elder J. J. Gibson, the Moderator appointed, Brethren, W. L. Souther and Geo. Murphy, to make a report on Woman's Work, as the appointees were absent.

STATE OF RELIGION:—The following report on the State of Religion, was read by Bro. W. A. Bratton, to-wit: Your committee on State of Religion, reports that, during the last associational year there has been a decrease of 21 members in our bounds. We have fallen off in Missions and college work, and therefore I am bound to report the State of Religion in our bounds at a low ebb.

Submitted,

W. A. BRATTON.

Report discussed by Brethren, C. W. Smith, Frank Souther and J. R. Sumner, and on motion of Elder C. W. Smith, was adopted.

The Moderator appointed as committee on Documents and Publications, Brethren W. M. Gadd and J. J. Gibson.

On motion of Elder C. W. Smith, Elder A. J. Hall, (colored) was allowed the time to speak to this body in behalf of the Colored Baptist at 10 o'clock on to-morrow.

On motion of Bro. W. L. Souther the Association was adjourned to meet on to-morrow at 8½ o'clock. Dismissed by prayer, by Elder W. M. Gadd.

THIRD DAY.—Morning Session.

Called together by song, and prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Sumner. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. W. Boatwright.

Whereas, it is the custom of the Chickasaw Association to have preaching at 11 o'clock each day during her continuance, and the whereas, the same is deemed necessary and helpful to the preacher and laity thereof. Resolved that Brethren be appointed at each session to preach at next session two sermons. One known as the Mission sermon, to be preached the second day at 11 o'clock, the other to be known as the Doctrinal sermon, to be preached at 11 o'clock the third day of the meeting.

This Resolution was discussed by Brethren J. W. Boatwright, W. L. Souther, C. W. Smith, J. J. Gibson, J. R. Sumner, John Thompson and W. M. Gadd, and on motion of Elder J. R. Sumner, was adopted.

The following resolution offered by Bro. J. W. Boatwright, was on motion of Elder J. R. Sumner, adopted

Resolved, That there be appointed for the benefit of this Association a standing committee on family prayer, and prayer meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Elder J. R. Sumner, and on motion, was adopted.

Resolved, That we accept the \$400.00 asked of this Association by the State Convention, for Missions, as reasonable, and that the Executive Committee be requested to apportion this amount to the churches, and that the same be printed in the minutes.

The following resolution was also offered by Eld. J. R. Sumner and on motion was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association ask each church to raise its proportional part of \$100.00, for Mississippi College and Ministerial Education and that the Executive Board be requested to apportion this amount to the churches, and that the same be printed in the minutes.

Bro. J. T. Swain, read the following report on Sunday Schools to-wit:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The need of Sunday Schools is admitted by our churches. The usefulness is no longer questioned by our people. The foregoing being admitted, the question is how shall the Sunday School work be promoted.

1st. Let our pastors speak at least once each year to their congregations of the Sunday School work, and where there is no school assist in organizing.

2nd. Let system be maintained, have an hour for meeting, and for adjournment, be prompt in this.

3rd. Let no regular session of school continue more than one hour.

4th. Let students recite and teachers direct work, Superintendents review teachers and students, not more than ten minutes. Let him review not lecture.

5th. Let Superintendents and teachers take some good literature as an aid in preparing lessons and we recommend for them the literature of American Baptist Publication Society, Chicago, and Pleoubat's Selected Notes, by W. E. Wild & Co., Boston, worthy of examination. For entire school we recommend the literature of Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

6th. Let a choir be organized and three songs be sung in keeping with the lesson and no more.

7th. Be sure that not only Superintendents, but teachers be persons that will go to God in prayer for the success of the school.

8th. We respectfully ask that the Moderator appoint three as a committee to prepare a syllabus on Sunday School work to report at next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. SWAIN, Chairman.

Bro W. M. Gadd, made a motion to amend the report by striking out all that pertained to the recommendation of other literature except the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. This motion to amend was discussed by Brethren W. M. Gadd, C. W. Smith, J. R. Sumner, J. J. Gibson, John Thompson and T. A. J. Beasley.

The vote was called for and the motion to amend was lost. Then on motion of Elder C. W. Smith, the report as read was adopted.

The time having arrived for the special arrangements for 10 o'clock to-day, the Association gave way, and Elder A. J. Hall, (colored) addressed the Association, in behalf of the colored Baptist of this country, and for a school they are trying to build at Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Bro. J. P. Dean, made a very earnest address on Sunday School work and exhibited a map to aid in the study of the life of our Blessed Christ.

The following report on Prohibition, was read by Bro. H. Marshall.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Does Prohibition prohibit? We answer that it does and in support of our position we have but to cite you to what it has done for Union county. Before Prohibition prevailed in said county crimes of almost every kind stalked abroad in the clear light of day and the better elements of society were kept in the back ground. Our courts were expensive and our taxes were high. But as soon as

prohibition became the law the prevalence of crimes lessened, our courts were not so expensive and our taxes reduced. The better elements of society came to the front—good schools sprang up everywhere and took the place of saloons. Some may be ready to say that Prohibition does not prohibit because men sometimes sell intoxicants in violation of the law. As well might they contend that it is wrong to enact a law against carrying concealed weapons or against any other crime, because men violate them: one position would be as tenable as the other. Again, it may be urged that it is an interference with personal liberty, and in reply to that in every community there are certain personal privileges that men are forced to surrender for the good of society. And now, brethren in conclusion we will say that what Prohibition has done for Union county it will do for the State of Mississippi, and for the whole United States under proper conditions; and we humbly trust that our Blessed Master will speed the day when all of our people will be fully aroused upon this important subject, and banish forever from the shores of this fair land of America this baneful influence of the liquor traffic. Respectfully Submitted,

H. MARSHALL, Chm.

Discussed by Brethren J. R. Sumner, Frank Souter, I. M. Gray and on motion of Elder John Thompson the report was adopted. The Moderator gave the hand of welcome to Elder L. R. Burress of the Tishamingo Association.

On motion of Elder C. W. Smith the Association was adjourned until 1:30. Dismissed by prayer from Elder L. R. Burress.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called together by singing the good old song, "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound," after which prayer was offered by Elder John Thompson.

On motion of Elder J. R. Sumner a committee of three was appointed to investigate the claim made before this body by Elder A. J. Hall, (col). Committee: J. R. Sumner, B. J. Caldwell and W. D. Wilkins.

Bro. J. W. Boatwright made an appeal to the Association in behalf of a colored Baptist church near him who had the misfortune to get their church burned down. A committee, consisting of Zack Huskison, W. C. Pitts and Elba Walker were appointed to raise money for this purpose. Amount of cash collected, \$5.90. This amount was put into the hands of J. W. Boatwright to convey to the said church.

The following report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. W. Souter, to-wit:

WOMAN'S WORK.

The work done by the noble women in much of the territory occupied by the Southern Baptist Convention, has, in the last few

years been a wonderful help in giving the Gospel to those who have it not. It is a fact that thousands of dollars annually come in to the treasury of the Lord through their efforts; and in view of these facts, we recommend that they have all the encouragement possible from the brethren to help them prosecute this noble work, and also that the brethren should say as little as possible in regard to their work, that would in any way discourage or hinder them in their work.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. L. SOUTER,
GEO. E. MURPHY,
Committee.

On motion of Elder John Thompson this report was adopted.

The following report on Documents and Publications was read by Elder W. M. Gadd:

DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would recommend, first, the daily prayerful reading of God's Word. No other literature can possibly take its place, no matter how good. Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures," and to obey like the Berians, we must search daily. We are confronted with a complicated paper system. No matter how much we desire to have but one paper and all of us support it. We have two and they are worthy of our support, and ought to be in every home; and the Baptist Record and the Baptist Layman, our papers, ought to be household words. We further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal as worthy of our support, and for the instruction of our pupils in the Sunday Schools we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention publications, and for our singers, reliable Baptist song books. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes of the Association and be allowed \$7.50 for his services.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. M. GADD,
J. J. GIBSON,
Committee.

Discussed by Brethren J. R. Sumner, J. J. Gibson, T. A. J. Beasley, John Thompson and L. R. Burrese, and on motion of Elder J. R. Sumner the report as read was adopted.

The Moderator appointed as Auditing Committee to examine the Treasurer's books: Brethren J. W. Boatwright and B. J. Caldwell.

The following report of the Executive Board was read by V. B. Tucker, to-wit:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to make the following report. We can not say how much good has been done by us, but we feel that we have done what we could under the circumstances. We, at a meeting not long after the last Association, drew up a letter and sent a copy of the same to each church, earnestly and prayerfully asking each Church to do all in their power to come up with the pledges and apportionments made at the Association for the different objects. We have met with each fifth Sunday meeting during this associational year, where we hope at least some good has been done for the cause of the Blessed Master who has done so much for us. We realize that very little has been done in a financial way, and when we think of the great need of money to send the Gospel to those who have it not, we are made to feel sad; and in view of this fact we earnestly pray the delegates and brethren of this Association to think on this fact and pray over the matter, and then not stop here, but let us "honor God with our substance according as the Lord hath prospered us."

Respectfully Submitted,
W. R. SPENCER,
JAS. SMITH,
J. C. BAILEY,
E. J. CALDWELL,
V. B. TUCKER,

Committee.

On motion of Elder J. R. Sumner the report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Elder John Thomson. Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are hereby duly tendered to Fredonia Church and community for their kind hospitality and care for this Association during the present session, and on motion was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Elder J. R. Sumner: Resolved, That N. M. Berry, W. R. Spencer, V. B. Tucker, J. C. Bailey, B. J. Caldwell and J. R. Hill be appointed as an executive committee of this Association, and on motion of Bro. J. W. Boaswright was adopted.

The following report on Finance was made by Bro. J. W. Boaswright:

REPORT ON FINANCE AS MINUTE FUND.

Midway Church.....	\$ 1
Cypress Creek Church.....	
Toccopola Church.....	
Macedonia Church.....	1
Spring Creek Church.....	1

Bay Springs Church.....	60
Poplar Springs Church.....	65
Pleasant Dale ".....	55
Poirladelphia ".....	90
Bethel L. C. ".....	75
Cary Springs ".....	40
J. S. Dyson, Esperanzo.....	25
Pleasant Hill Church.....	1 30
Shiloh Church.....	1 45
Amaziah Church.....	80
Independence Church.....	50
Liberty Church.....	1 40
Myrtle ".....	60
Oak Grove Church.....	1 75
Mt. Pleasant ".....	1 90
Spring Hill ".....	50
Friendship ".....	1 15
New Albany ".....	1 35
Mt. Pisgah ".....	40
Salem Church.....	50
Temperance Hill Church.....	1 25
New Hope Church.....	90
Zion Hill ".....	30
W. L. Robbins, Thaxton, Miss.....	50
Cherry Creek Church.....	2 80
W. C. Gillen, Cornersville.....	10
Fredonia Church.....	1 00
Shady Grove Church.....	55

Total Amount.....\$29 85

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. BOATWRIGHT,
B. J. CALDWELL.

On motion of Elder C. W. Smith the report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report was made by A. D. Tucker, Treasurer:

		DR.
Sept. 12th, 1895, To amount on hand Asso. Fund.....	\$	9 85
" " " " " " " " Missions.....		66 31
Oct. 17th, " " Cherry Creek church, State Missions.		36 25
" " " " " " " " L. M. S. " " "		2 85
" " " " " " " " " Home Missions		3 25
" " " " " " " " Sunbeam's " " "		1 00
" " " " " " " " T. P. Bell H. and F. M..		6 00
Nov, 13th, " " Sale of Bible Association Fund.....		25
" 21st " " " " " " " " " " "		25

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Dec. 24th	"	" L. M. S. Cherry Creek, F. Missions...	6 45
" "	"	" Sale of Bible Association Fund.....	25
" 27th	"	" Macedonia Church Missions	10 00
" 30th	"	" Cherry Creek Ch. Miss. Col. & Min. Ed	15 00
" "	"	" Temperance Hill Church Missions....	1 00
" "	"	" " " Miss. College	2 00
" "	"	" Liberty Church Missions.....	8 60
" "	"	" Sunbeams, Cherry Creek, Or. Home..	3 29
" "	"	" Sustentation, Sister Annie Pitts.....	2 55
Jan. 6th, 1896	To	Mt. Pleasant Church Missions	1 00
" "	"	" " " F. Missions.....	1 25
" "	"	" " " Ministerial Ed...	1 45
" "	"	" " " Miss. College....	1 45
" "	"	" " " Sustentation	1 50
Jan. 7th, 1896	"	Cherry Creek Church, F. Missions.....	36 15
" "	"	" " " Bank Stock F. M	10 00
" 27th	"	" " " L.M.S. Front. M	5 00
Feb. 17th	"	" Friendship Church Missions.....	7 57
" "	"	" Fredonia Church Missions.....	1 00
Mar. 6th	"	" New Albany Church, Foreign Missions	16 75
" 28th	"	" Mt. Pleasant Church Foreign Missions.	4 10
" "	"	" " " Fifth Sun. Meet. Gen. Col.	16 55
Apr. 5th	"	" Cherry Creek Church, Home Missions.	29 75
" "	"	" L. M. S. Cherry Creek Church, H. Mis.	8 00
" 13th	"	" Shiloh Church, Miss. College.....	2 50
" "	"	" Sale of Bible Associational Fund.....	20
" "	"	" " Testament Associational Fund..	10
May 2nd	"	" Liberty Church, Foreign Missions.....	8 40
" 5th	"	" Mt. Pleasant Church State Missions....	6 30
" "	"	" " " Foreign Missions.	1
July 7th	"	" Macedonia Church, Foreign Missions...	6 00
" 20th	"	" Liberty Church, Home Missions.....	3 30
" 21st	"	" Poplar Springs Church. F. Missions....	10 00
Aug. 26th	"	" Cherry Creek Church, State Missions...	20 00
Sept 14th, 1896,		Tocapola Church, State Missions.....	4 10
" "	"	" Mt. Pisgah Church, Missions.....	1 70
" "	"	" Mt. Pleasant Church, Foreign Missions...	1 90
" "	"	" " " Min. Education....	5 00
" "	"	" Oak Grove Church, Missions.....	3 00
" "	"	" Valley Church, Home Missions.....	2 20
" "	"	" Fredonia Church, Missions	2 50
" "	"	" Midway Church, Foreign Missions.....	2 50
" "	"	" " " Home Missions.....	2 50
" "	"	" " " Mississippi College....	2 00
" 16th	"	Association, General Collection, F. Miss.,	16 00
" "	"	Bay Springs Church, H. and F. Miss....	3 10

DR.	"	"	Independence State Missions.....	1 30
6 45	"	"	Myrtle Church, Home Missions.....	75
25	"	"	" " Foreign Missions.....	2 50
10 00	"	"	" " Orphanage.....	50
15 00	"	"	New Albany Church, Min. Ed.....	10 00
1 00	"	"	Mt. Pleasant Church " ".....	1 00
2 00	"	"	Salem Church Missions.....	2 50
8 60	"	"	Amaziah Church, Foreign Missions.....	1 15
3 29	"	"	Bethel L. C. Missions.....	4 75
2 55	"	"	New Hope, Missions.....	2 50
1 00				
1 25			Total Amount Received by Treasurer.....	\$ 445 45

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	Sept. 14th, 1895, By Amount Sent to A. V. Rowe.....	66 31
	Oct 17th, " " " " " " " " " ".....	43 35
	" " " " " " T.P. Bell H. & F. Brd.....	6 00
	Dec. 24th " " " " " A. V. Rowe, F. M..	6 45
	" 28th " " " " " " " " Miss..	10 00
	Jan. 1st, 1896, By Amount Sent L. S. Foster, Orphan H..	3 29
	" " " " " " A V. Rowe.....	26 00
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	" 6th " " " " " " " " " ".....	9 65
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Total Amount Paid Out.....\$ 445 45

On motion of J. R. Sumner the report of the Treasurer was adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, to examine the Treasurer's Books, have found same correct.

J. W. BOATWRIGHT.

B. J. CALDWELL.

On motion of Elder C. W. Smith all Churches were requested to pay all money through the Treasurer of this Association.

Mt. Pleasant Church and Cherry Creek Church both asked for the next term of the Association. The vote was taken and it was decided by a large majority that the next meeting of this Association be held with Cherry Creek Church.

Elder John Thompson was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder J. J. Gibson as Alternate.

Elder C. W. Smith was appointed to preach the Mission Sermon with Elder I. M. Gray as Alternate.

Elder J. R. Sumner was appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, with Elder Geo. E. Murphy as Alternate.

On motion of Elder W. M. Gadd all persons from this Association, to the Associations with which we usually correspond, bear the minutes of this body, may be considered correspondents of this body.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator:

1st. Missions—J. J. Gibson and W. P. Winter. 2nd. Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—John Thompson and J. R. Sumner. 3rd. Sunday Schools—J. T. Swaim and W. M. Gadd. 4th. Prohibition—M. I. Quick and A. R. Wilson. 5th. Women's Work—W. L. Souter and H. Marshall. 6th. State of Religion—W. A. Bratton and J. T. Swaim. 7th. Documents and Publications—I. M. Gray and J. W. Boatwright. 8th. Family Prayer Meeting—W. C. Gillen and N. J. Treadaway.

On motion of Elder J. R. Sumner, Elder John Thompson was elected to go as delegate to the next Southern Baptist convention with Elder C. W. Smith as alternate.

On motion of Elder J. R. Sumner the Executive committee was instructed to raise money enough to pay the delegates way to convention.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright the clerk was instructed to prepare

in our minutes the list of officers, and give the programme for our next Sunday school institute meeting.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright the clerk was authorized to have the covers, offered by the American Baptist Publication Society, put on the minutes of this association.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright the association was adjourned to meet with Cherry Creek church on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in Sept. 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

ELDER I. SMITH, Moderator.
A. D. TUCKER, Treasurer,
V. B. TUCKER, Clerk.

The Chickasaw Baptist Sunday School Institute met in its Sixth Annual Session, with the Friendship Sunday School May 30th. 1897. Bro. W. L. Souther was elected President of the Institute for the ensuing year; V. B. Tucker was elected Secretary; The Vice Presidents for the different districts are as follows: For 1st District J. W. Boatwright; For 2nd District S. J. Fitzgerald; For 3rd District W. H. Wood; For 4th District J. H. Fuller.

The next annual meeting of this body will be held with the Sunday School at Spring Hill Baptist church commencing on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. The following is the programme for the next meeting, to-wit:

1st. How can we best interest the whole community in Sunday School work?
O. B. SOUTER

2nd. Do Pedo. Baptists make suitable teachers in Baptist Sunday Schools?
J. W. BOATWRIGHT.

3rd. Why are not more sinners converted in the Sunday schools?
J. J. GIBSON

4th. What is the chief object to be accomplished by the Sunday School work?
V. B. TUCKER.

5th. Is it the duty of every member of each church to take part in and encourage the Sunday School work in his church?
JOHN THOMPSON.

6th. What Literature should Baptist Sunday Schools use?
J. R. SUMNER.

Out of about forty churches in our association, there were only eight Sunday Schools reported at the last Institute. Brethren we should bestir ourselves.

W. L. SOUTER, Pres.
V. B. TUCKER, Secretary.

The following is the apportionment to each church, by the Executive Board, of the \$400.00 asked of this association, by the State convention:

FOR MISSIONS.

Amaziah Church	\$ 9 75
Bethel U. C. Church	11 25
Bethel L. C. Church	16 95
Bay Springs	12 90
Cherry Creek	22 65
Cypress Creek	6 75
Duncan Creek	11 85
Fredonia	13 05
Friendship	16 65
Independence	3 60
Liberty	12 30
Macedonia	19 20
Midway	9 15
Mt. Pisgah	12 30
Myrtle	3 15
Mt. Pleasant	24 00
New Albany	23 25
New Hope	9 90
Oak Grove	12 30
Old Oak Grove Church	4 50
Poplar Springs	10 95
Philadelphia	12 30
Pleasant Hill	16 65
Piney Grove	10 80
Pleasant Dale	10 35
Salem	12 00
Shiloh	9 00
Spring Creek	16 35
Shady Grove	12 30
Temperance Hill Church	5 55
Turnpike	7 80
Toccopola	11 25
Union	
Valley	5 85
Abb-ville	
Zion Hill	
New Prospect	6 90
Carv Springs	
Bluff Springs	
Spring Hill	14 70

The following is the apportionment of \$100.00 by the Executive

Board to each church for Mississippi College and Ministerial Education:

	Amaziah Church.....	\$ 2 60
	Bethel U. C. Church.....	3 00
	Bethel L. C. ".....	4 52
	Bay Springs ".....	3 44
9 75	Cherry Creek ".....	6 04
11 25	Cypress Creek ".....	1 80
16 95	Duncan Creek ".....	3 16
12 90	Fredonia ".....	3 48
22 65	Friendship ".....	4 44
6 75	Independence ".....	84
11 85	Liberty ".....	3 28
13 05	Macedonia ".....	5 12
16 65	Midway ".....	2 44
3 60	Mt. Pisgah ".....	3 28
12 30	Myrtle ".....	84
19 20	Mt. Pleasant ".....	6 40
9 15	New Albany ".....	6 20
12 30	New Hope ".....	2 64
3 15	Oak Grove ".....	3 28
24 00	Old Oak Grove Church.....	1 20
23 25	Poplar Springs ".....	2 92
9 90	Philadelphia ".....	3 28
12 30	Pleasant Hill ".....	4 44
4 50	Piney Grove ".....	
10 95	Pleasant Dale ".....	2 76
12 30	Salem ".....	3 20
16 65	Shiloh ".....	2 40
10 80	Spring Creek ".....	4 36
10 35	Shady Grove ".....	3 28
12 00	Temperance Hill Church.....	1 48
9 00	Turnpike ".....	2 08
16 35	Toccopola ".....	3 00
12 30	Union ".....	
5 55	Valley ".....	1 56
7 80	Abbeville ".....	
11 25	Zion Hill ".....	
	New Prospect ".....	1 84
5 85	Cary Springs ".....	
	Bluff Springs ".....	
	Spring Hill ".....	3 92

The Executive committee begs the churches that were not represented to raise 15cts. per member for missions and 4cts. per member for Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, and send to the treasurer of the association as early as possible.

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